AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 28 and ending on line 32 with the following amended paragraph:

The aspect ratio of the lamellar particle is the ratio of the thickness—to the longest diameter (the length of a portion having the longest diameter of the particle) to the thickness of the lamellar particle which can be obtained by observation through an electron microscope.

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